



Naturopathic News

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Big Legislative Changes

On April 28, 2003 Governor Janet Napolitano signed **Senate Bill 1084** (naturopathic board omnibus). It was introduced by Senate Health Chair Carolyn Allen (R) of Scottsdale and Linda Binder (R) of Lake Havasu City last January after it had been widely circulated within the naturopathic profession and was reviewed by all the major stakeholders from last year's sunset review process. It passed three committee hearings without a single no vote, and didn't have any difficulty passing both houses by wide margins. This important legislation follows up on changes made last year in the Sunset Review process. The naturopathic practice act was updated, simplified and clarified. You can see the full text of the new law on our website www.npbomex.az.gov.

In summary, **SB 1084** adds definitions of controlled substance, general and direct supervision, limitations vs. restrictions on licenses, adds to unprofessional conduct using a controlled substance unless prescribed by another practitioner, and prohibits prescribing any treatment to a patient without first conducting a physical examination. This new law simplifies the language in statute governing the renewal of certificates and licenses, allows a person aggrieved with an action of the executive director to appeal that action to the full board, adds new language requiring a doctor who returns to active practice from a retired status of more than three years undergo a period of general supervision, and this new law significantly rewords and modernizes the hearing process for doctors accused of unprofessional conduct.

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New CME Requirement

New CME Requirement Begins This Year.

The required yearly CME for 2003 forward is 30 hours. There are several requirements/options regarding what can be used for CME and how many hours are allowable in a category. Visit our website, www.npbomex.az.gov, and review the rules. AzNMA is also a source of information.

Word of Caution: Before signing on the dotted line to take a course, make sure that it is approved by AzNMA, AANP, or the AMA if CME credit is desired. Do not assume that it will count for CME. Contact AzNMA and access our web site.

Certificates and other documents attesting to the amount of CME earned must be kept at your office for 3 consecutive years because you may be audited. During an office compliance inspection, you will be required to show these to the compliance officer as proof of satisfactory completion of CME credit hours.

NPBOMEX Online

www.npbomex.az.gov

Our web page is an up-to-the-minute source of information for licensed naturopathic physicians, preceptors and preceptees, medical assistants, and naturopathic students regulated by this Board. We strongly suggest that you log onto the site as often as possible to stay well informed regarding your chosen profession and training.

The site also contains directories of all our licensees as well as those certified by this Board. If you have suggestions for improvement or additions, please contact our office.

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Finally, the dispensing statute is significantly modified, adding the word “drug”, clarifying processes for dispensing, removing some unneeded language and defining the term “natural substance”.

Another important development in legislation was SB 1103 which establishes a board of massage therapy in Arizona for the first time. This directly affects the naturopathic medical board because our staff will function as administrative support for both the naturopathic board and the new massage board. We are very excited about this potential to incorporate economies of scale while providing a needed service to our community. We look forward to working with the massage profession in the years to come.

Also of interest is **HB 2361**. This legislation requires all regulated health care professionals to notify their boards if they are arrested for any reason. This had no specific effect on the naturopathic profession because the requirement already exists.

Statistics! The News is Good Summer 2003

Physicians Licensed in Arizona	338
Medical Students	105
Postgraduate Training Programs	10
Preceptee's	15
Dispensing Facilities: For-Profit	182
Dispensing Facilities: Not-for-Profit	29
Naturopathic Medical Assistance	18

PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS

Everyone who wishes to continue prescribing pharmaceuticals will be required to complete the 60-hour (four 15-hour modules) course and pass an examination prior to 2005.

Contact:

AzNMA @ 480-461-1255 or AzNMA.com to register.

PRECEPTORSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUPERVISORS AND PRECEPTEES

SIGHT AND SOUND

Preceptorship training is an excellent opportunity for students who have graduated from an accredited naturopathic medical school to receive further training before licensure. Along with the privilege of receiving and giving further training comes the legal responsibility set out in R4-18-101: “Supervise means to be physically present and within sight or sound of a medical assistant, medical student or an unlicensed resident physician in training, who is providing naturopathic medical care to a patient.” Therefore, before a preceptee may provide medical care, the preceptor as supervisor *must be physically present and within sight or sound*.

Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical Examiners Board Meeting Schedule for 2nd half of 2003.

No Meeting in July	October 9
August 14	November 13
September 11	December 11

FORMS ♦ FORMS ♦ FORMS

Help Board Staff Make Your Life Easier

The Board staff is please to announce that applicants for certificates can now enjoy an approximate two-week turn around time. License applications and renewals, because of their nature, can take about a month.

Delays in response time can be alleviated if attention is paid to a few often overlooked details in completing the form. Attention to the following helps us help you.

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1. Sign the form in the proper location
2. Make sure of the dollar amount *before* writing the check or money order.
3. A Certificate to Dispense (or duplicate) requires a license to be displayed at, and for, the same address.
4. Check over the form before mailing. It's easy to miss something. It will be returned for completion.
5. If the form requires a notary obtain it *before* submitting the document.
6. Include SSN
7. All areas of the form *must be legible!*

MOVING? CHANGING YOUR NAME?

Tell us – In writing

Pursuant to A.R.S. 32-1507, a person who holds a license or certificate (including students) has **30 days** in which to notify the Board of any change in status, residence or practice location, telephone number and/or name. Any change that requires a duplicate license or certificate must be accompanied with the fee of \$20 each. When submitting a change of practice location, indicate if the address is primary, secondary and/or deleted. A phone call is not enough to notify the board of a change. It must be in writing and legible.

The board may assess the costs incurred in locating a person who is licensed or certified. It's easier for us and cheaper for you to notify us within the time period. To not do so is a violation of state law.

2004

New Law Regarding License and Certificate Renewal

**The following directly relates to license and certificate renewals for the 2004 year.
Medical license renews by January 1.**

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All certificates renew by July 1 except for preceptee and student. These two renew on anniversary date.

~ **ATTENTION** ~

A person who fails to renew a license or certificate BY THE DUE DATE shall pay a late renewal fee as prescribed in section 32-1527. A license or certificate automatically expires if not renewed within 60 days after the due date (A.R.S. §32-1526 H).

The board may reinstate a license or certificate on payment of all renewal and penalty fees as prescribed in section 32-1527. The Board may request the presentation of evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant for reinstatement of an expired license is professionally able to engage or assist in the practice of naturopathic medicine and the applicant still possesses the professional knowledge required. If an applicant for reinstatement of an expired license has not been licensed and actively practicing in a jurisdiction of the United States or Canada in the three years immediately preceding the application, the board may issue a limited license that requires a period of general supervision by another licensed naturopathic physician not to exceed one year (A.R.S. §32-1526 I).

Renewal Deadlines 2003 ~ A.R.S. 32-1526

January 1 of each year:
Medical License

July 1 of each year:
Certificate to Dispense,
Certificate Medical Assistant
Certificate to conduct preceptorship training
Certificate to conduct clinical training program
Certificate to conduct postdoctoral training program

Other Renewals:

Training Certificate to *engage* in a **preceptorship** program shall renew one year after the board approved the application for the preceptorship and each year after for a total of two years.

Training Certificate to *engage* in a **clinical training program** shall renew one year after the board approved the application for each year of the student's clinical training. All of the above and more can be viewed on WWW.npbomex.az.gov.

New Physicians for the first half of 2003

Congratulations

<i>Dr. Nicole Barreda</i>	<i>Dr. Kannamma Kannan</i>	<i>Dr. Maria Santora</i>
<i>Dr. Rebecca Cooke</i>	<i>Dr. Denette King</i>	<i>Dr. Mathew</i>
<i>Dr. Denise Duda Dox</i>	<i>Dr. Apryl Krause</i>	<i>Schlechten</i>
<i>Dr. Michele Ferchoff</i>	<i>Dr. Lisa Maturo</i>	<i>Dr. Olya Stouk</i>
<i>Dr. Ryan Ferchoff</i>	<i>Dr. Melissa Mollet</i>	<i>Dr. Michelle Tucker</i>
<i>Dr. Clare Garcia</i>	<i>Dr. Roger Moore</i>	<i>Dr. Nathan Vitaro</i>
<i>Dr. Jane Hendricks</i>	<i>Dr. Kristen O'Rourke</i>	<i>Dr. Jennifer Wicher</i>
<i>Dr. Richard Hodge</i>	<i>Dr. Andrea Purcell</i>	<i>Dr. Melinda Whitsell</i>
		<i>Dr. Donese Worden</i>

New Physicians Transferring from Other States

Welcome to Arizona

<i>Dr. Lori Barnes ~ Oregon</i>	<i>Dr. John McCoy ~ Hawaii</i>
<i>Dr. Forest Beck ~</i> <i>Washington</i>	<i>Dr. David Pontius ~ British</i> <i>Columbia</i>
<i>Dr. Ravi Chandiramani ~</i> <i>Connecticut</i>	<i>Dr. Herbert Schuck ~</i> <i>Washington</i>
<i>Dr. Patricia Gaines ~</i> <i>Washington</i>	<i>Dr. Margaret Wakefield ~</i> <i>Connecticut</i>

Arizona has grown by 32 physicians within the last 6 months.